

Amendment to the Specification

*Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 23, line 24 with the following amended paragraph:*

Referring to FIG. 9, a variation of the method of FIG. 8 is shown in which the first node 1 selects a node (STEP 40) and then ~~first~~-requests cooperating node information from the chosen node (STEP 41). The chosen node 2 receives the request (STEP 42) and responds by transmitted the requested cooperating node information (STEP 43). The node 1 receives the information (STEP 44). The node 1 also communicates its cooperating node information to the chosen node (STEP 45), and the cooperating node information is received by the chosen node (STEP 46). Both nodes 2, 1 merge the received information into their cooperating node information (STEP 47, STEP 48). The order in which the method steps take place is not intended to be a limitation of the scope of the invention. In other embodiments, the merging steps (STEP 47, STEP 48) can take place at other times. For example, for the first node 1, the merging step (STEP 48) can take place before, after, or during the transmitting step (STEP 45).